

REMARKS

The Examiner has alleged that the disclosed embodiments are directed to the following patentably distinct species:

- Group 1** Claims 1-5, drawn to a method of applying metal plating to a cylinder of an internal combustion engine, classified in class 427, subclass 230+.
- Group 2** Claims 6-14, drawn to a plating apparatus, classified in class 118, subclass 408.

As required under 35 U.S.C. § 121, applicants hereby elect to prosecute, with traverse, **Group 1** (Claims 1-5) without prejudice to the prosecution of the subject matter of the non-elected embodiments in other patent applications.

Applicants believe no fee is due in connection with this submission. If any additional fee is due, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

Respectfully submitted,

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